



Natick: Our Community Yesterday and Today

Natick 360

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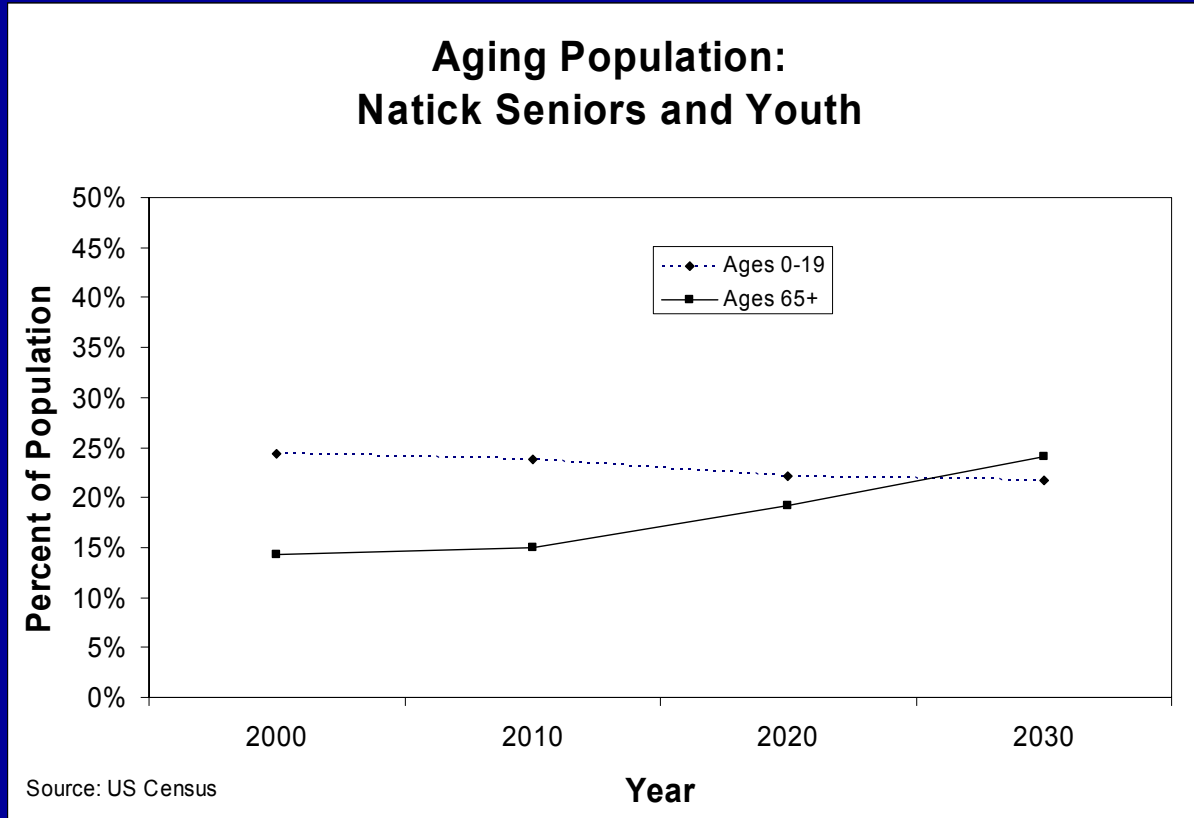
Metropolitan Area Planning Council:

- Regional Planning Agency serving 101 communities of the Boston region
- MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region
- Focus on water, transportation, housing, economic development, open space and other region-wide studies, as well as data and map analyses
- Assist local municipalities in undertaking planning projects
- Advocate for legislative changes to assist municipalities

Phase 1 report “Natick: Our Community Yesterday and Today”

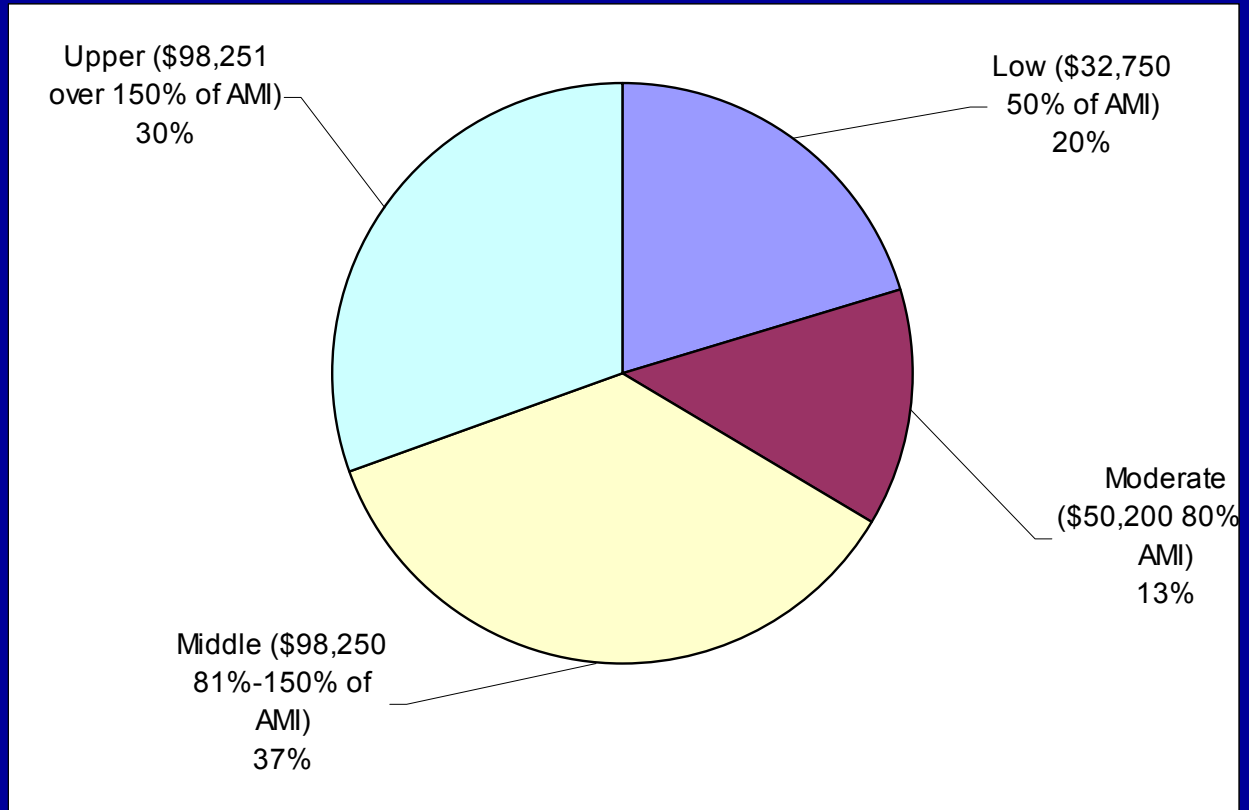
- Data from federal, state and local sources
- 80 page report with 7 maps and more than 60 charts and tables
- Describes the current status of the town in relation to population, housing, transportation, economic development, town services, physical plan and zoning, recreation and cultural amenities, and funding opportunities
- Report is in final editing

Notable Age Trends 2000-2030



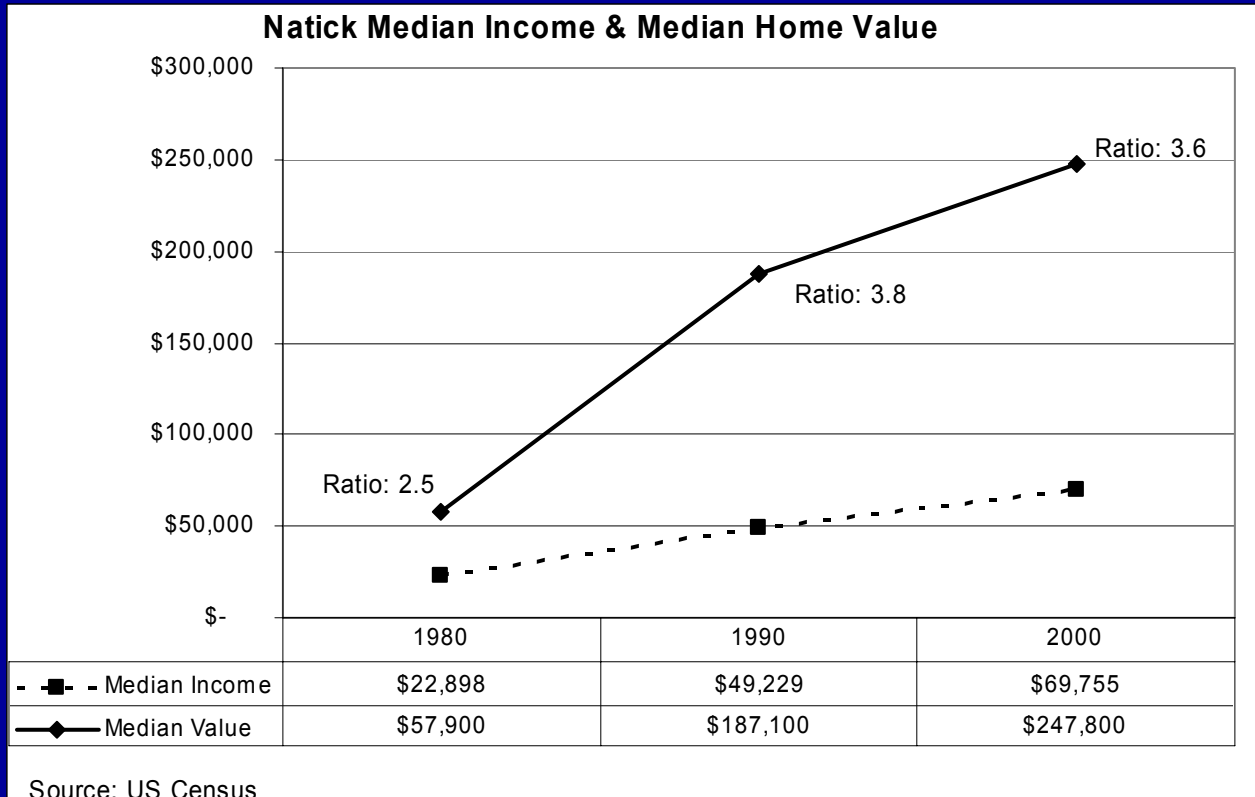
Natick's population is aging. The youth population will remain constant but the senior population will grow from 15% to 25% of the community.

Natick Household Income, 2000



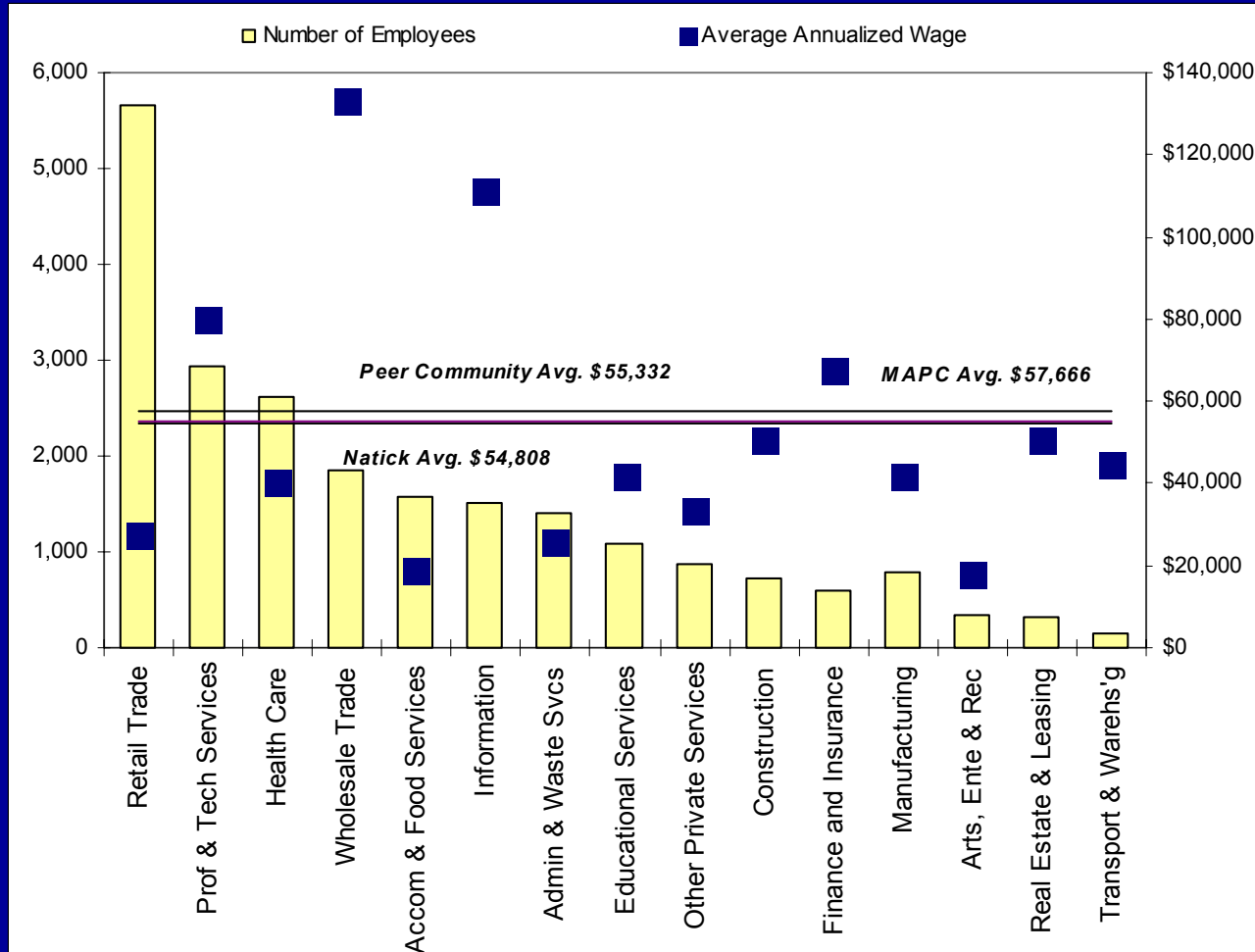
Natick is an economically diverse community with equal numbers of wealthy, middle income, and moderate/low income households.

Natick Housing Affordability



To be affordable, housing should not cost more than 2.5 times a person's income. The majority of Natick's residents could not afford to buy in Natick today.

Private Sector Jobs in Natick, 2005



Retail jobs make up 25% of all jobs in Natick but have low wages. High paying professional and managerial jobs are growing in the community.

Natick Residents - Where Do they Work?

Natick Residents Working In:	2000		1990	
	# of workers	%	# of workers	%
Natick	4,018	22.75	4,615	26.41
Boston	2,988	16.92	2,747	15.72
Framingham	1,726	9.77	1,655	9.47
Wellesley	1,093	6.19	1,266	7.24
Newton	792	4.48	696	3.98
Cambridge	696	3.94	488	2.79
Waltham	688	3.90	674	3.86
Needham	428	2.42	391	2.24
Marlborough	235	1.33	--	--
Wayland	224	1.27	389	2.23
Weston	--	--	291	1.67
Total working residents	17,660		17,476	
Work in MAPC region	16,520	93.54	16,555	94.73
Work outside MAPC, but in Massachusetts	967	5.48	774	4.43

23% of Natick residents work within the community.

Another 17% commute to Boston and 10% work in Framingham.